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SUBJECT: SHARP VISIT TO LAOS

REF: A. STATE 044648

B. STATE 044653

C. OTTAWA 0574

1. CANDEL INFORMALLY SUGGESTED THIS MORNING THAT IT MIGHT BE NICE FOR PRIME MINISTER TO HAVE DINNER IN HONOR SHARP SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH 17. UNFORTUNATELY, WE KNOW THAT PRIME MINISTER HAS LONG STANDING DINNER ENGAGEMENT AT SOUTH VIETNAMESE EMBASSY, WHICH WAS ARRANGED BEFORE THERE WAS ANY QUESTION OF SHARP VISITING VIENTIANE. TOLD CANDEL, HOWEVER, THAT I PLANNED TO DISCUSS SHARP' S VISIT WITH PRIME MINISTER ASAP.

2. DURING GENERAL TOUR D' HORIZON WITH PRIME MINISTER THIS MORNING I REFERRED TO SHARP VISIT AND DREW UPON REFTELS IN EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER' S TRIP THROUGHOUT SOUTHEAST ASIA. PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT UNFORTUNATELY HE WAS TAKEN FOR DINNER THIS COMING SATURDAY BUT THAT HE PLANNED A
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RECEPTION IN HONOR OF THE CANADIAN DELEGATION LATE THAT
AFTERNOON. HE NODDED IN ASSENT ON THE POINTS I MADE
AND SAID HE WOULD EMPHASIZE TO SHARP HOW ESSENTIAL
CANADA' S PARTICIPATION WAS IN THE ICC AND THAT HE WAS
DOING HIS UTMOST TO AVOID THE ICC ONCE AGAIN BEING A
FARCE.
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